

Sl.No.	Language	No. of Publications
11.	Tamil	11
12.	Telugu	16
13.	Malay al am	05
14.	Kannada	15
15.	Sanskrit	0
16.	Nepali	1
17.	Mizo	1
18.	Khasi	0
19.	Konkani	0
20.	Manipuri	1
TOTAL:		374

#### Services of I and B Units in the NER

1599. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for making available the service of Information and Broadcasting units in the North-East States, especially Manipur;

(b) whether Government have no plan to provide grants to the State Institute of Journalism, Imphal which was assured by the previous Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Media Units under this Ministry have their regional/State presence in the North-Eastern States, including Manipur. Expansion of these services is an ongoing process and is subject to budget constraints.

For the Broadcasting Sector, Radio and TV coverage in North- East Region (including Sikkim) is presently estimated to be available to 93.75% and 82% respectively by population. Area-wise Radio and TV coverage in North-East Region is estimated to be 73.62% and 54% respectively. Radio and TV coverage in Manipur is estimated to be available to 80.4% and 67% by population and 48.3% and 32.1% by area.

In order to further improve AIR/Doordarshan coverage in the North-East States, a number of AIR projects and TV Transmitter projects of Doordarshan, as detailed in the Statement (*See* below) are presently under various stages of implementation.

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(b) and (c) There is no scheme in this Ministry under which grants can be provided to the State Institute of Journalism, Imphal.

**Statement**

*AIR and Doordarshan Projects under implementation*

Sl	Doordarshan		All India Radio	
	State	Location & Scheme	State	Location & Scheme
1.	Assam	Transposer-Guwahati	Assam	Silchar-20 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 10 KW MW)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	VLPTs-Deomali & Italin	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlong-CRS with 1 KW FM Tr. Khonsa-CRS with 1 Kw FM Tr.
3.	Manipur	HPT-Churachandpur	Manipur	Churachandpur-LRS with 6 KW FMTr. Imphal-10 KW FM Tr. Imphal-300 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 50 KW MW)
4.	Mizoram	LPT-Lowngtali	Mizoram	Chemphai-CRS with 1 KW FM Tr. Aizawl-6KW FM Tr. Aizal-20KW MW Tr. {Repl. of existing 20 KW MW)
5.	Nagaland	Transposer-Barabasti	Nagaland	Phek-CRS with 1KW FM Tr. Kohima-100 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 50KW MW)
6.	Tripura	LPTs-Amarpur, Ambassa & Jolaibari	Tripura	Dharmanagar-LRS with 1KW MW Tr. Nutan Bazar-CRS with 1KW FMTr. Agartala-10KWFMTr. Longtherai-LRS with 6 KW FM Tr.
7.	Sikkim	VLPT-Zorethang	Sikkim	Gangtok-20KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 20 KW MW)
8.			Meghalaya	Shillong-10KW FM Tr. Tura-20KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 20 KW MW)